

## DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

**Purpose:** The Department of Livestock (DOL) prevents, controls and eradicates animal diseases; prevents the transmission of animal diseases to humans; protects livestock industries from theft and predatory animals; assures clean, wholesome and properly-labeled meat and poultry products for consumers and regulates and inspects the milk industry to assure the consumer of safe dairy and egg products.

**Authorities:** MCA - Title 81.

Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) - Title 32.

### Roles & Responsibilities:

#### Animal Health Division

- In situations involving reportable or quarantinable diseases, the Animal Health Division will coordinate to confirm the animal disease presence and work with the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to prevent further spread, control the disease and implement eradication measures. *[Animal Disease]*
- Coordinate with neighboring states to facilitate the suspension of their regulations allowing the rapid movement of animals across state lines. *[Individual Assistance - Animal Rescue]*
- Responsible for effecting the suspensions or development of Montana regulations allowing the rapid movement of animals into Montana from a sister state experiencing an emergency or disaster. *[Individual Assistance - Animal Rescue]*
- Assists in implementing the Montana Drought Plan as an active member of the Governor's DAC. *[Drought]*

#### Diagnostic Laboratory Division

- Provide services to diagnose animal, human or zoonotic diseases. *[Technical Assistance]*
- The division will use their resources to clarify incident specific situations that may be confused with human diseases. *[Animal Disease]*

#### Brands Enforcement Division

- Regulate and monitor inter and intra-state animal movement. *[Individual Assistance - Animal Rescue]*
- Provide animal identification and ownership verification in situations involving strayed, lost or stolen animals. *[Individual Assistance - Animal Rescue]*

### **Meat, Milk & Eggs Division**

- Assist with informational outreach educating citizens as to whether or not food remaining after a disaster or emergency is still consumable. [*Public Health/Safety – Health , Medical & Mortuary*]

### **Department of Livestock Law Enforcement Personnel**

- Agency sworn Peace Officers will perform their regulatory and law enforcement duties and assist other federal , state or local jurisdictions when requested. [*Law Enforcement*]